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Kevin Milligan, P.E.
Assistant General Manager of Water
City of Riverside Public Utilities
3901 Orange Street
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Dear Mr. Milligan:

**CITY OF RIVERSIDE, SYSTEM NO. 3310031
COMPLIANCE STATUS WITH DRINKING WATER STANDARDS**

According to the study titled "Over 300 Pollutants in U.S. Tap Water" recently published by the Environmental Working Group (EWG), the City of Riverside Public Utilities (City) has been identified as one of the "Lowest Rate Water Utilities" based on the EWG's review of the raw water quality of the City's groundwater supply. Per the City's request, the California Department of Public Health (Department) offers this assessment of the City's water quality and compliance status.

The Department is aware of the degree of contamination in the City's groundwater sources and the City's commitment to provide a safe and reliable source of drinking water to its customers. Over the years, the Department has reviewed the plans for and permitted the many treatment facilities that are currently operated by the City to remove/reduce organic and inorganic contaminants such as perchlorate, nitrate, trichloroethylene (TCE), and dibromochloropropane (DBCP) from the water supplied to its customers. The City of Riverside has been proactive with investigating, planning and implementing treatment to ensure that they can continuously and reliably meet system demands.


All treatment technology presently utilized by the City is considered by the Department as best available technology (BAT) for organic and inorganic removal. The City routinely tests water supplied to customers for all contaminants found in their sources that currently exceed drinking water standards. The City conducts water testing in excess of the minimum Department and regulatory requirements. All water testing results are reported to the Department on a monthly basis. The City's annual Consumer Confidence Report provides customers with information regarding the level of contaminants present in the City's drinking water sources.

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Based on our review of the water quality information provided by the City, the Department finds that the water provided by the City of Riverside to its customers meets all primary and secondary drinking water standards.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 619.525.4159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Steven Williams", written over a horizontal line.

J. Steven Williams, P.E.
District Engineer